

those that are not supposed to have a gun, and this goes back to the 1968 Gun Control Act, the bill follows it, the NRA has supported this bill. We have good bipartisan support certainly in the other body and I am hoping that before the session ends that we can bring this bill up.

H.R. 1415, the NICS Improvement Act, will give grants to the States so they are able to be able to bring their systems up to par so here in Washington we will have the information that we need. You know, again, I hope that in time that we will be able to change the debate on gun violence in this country. We can save lives. We can save certainly on health care costs for this Nation if we can have a good honest debate on the health care system with the gun system.

#### YOU ONLY PASS THIS WAY ONCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to pay tribute to a very, very special American, a very good friend of mine who died last week after battling a very cruel and mean disease, ALS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Wayne Arnold was a friend of mine and he was a friend of many. In fact, I remember when I first got involved in politics Wayne Arnold was one of my first supporters, and I will always be grateful for that.

But Wayne was a very special American in so many ways. I would like to say that he was a believer. He was a doer and he was a giver. He was involved in so many things in the Rochester area. He was an accountant. By the time he retired he was a partner in one of the largest firms in Minnesota.

He was active in the Chamber of Commerce. He was active in his church. He was active in education issues. But he was not just active. He got things done.

I think perhaps one of the greatest tributes to Wayne Arnold in the Rochester area is what he did in helping to really spearhead the building of a memorial there to all of the soldiers and all of those who have contributed so much, and we have this marvelous memorial which is largely because of people like Wayne Arnold. When he heard about this, that we were going to build this special memorial at Soldiers Field in Rochester, Minnesota he not only got behind it, he became the treasurer. He helped raise the money. He did so much on that and so many other fronts.

I also want to submit for the RECORD and I want to thank Greg Sellnow of the Rochester Post Bulletin, and I would like to submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a copy of a piece that he wrote last week about Wayne Arnold, and the title of which was the

philosophy that Wayne Arnold lived by. The title is "You Only Pass This Way Once." And he sort of branded that philosophy on all of his children and many of the people that he knew and worked with. And in it I think he meant that you only get an opportunity to do the right thing every so often, and you have got to take advantage of those opportunities to do the right thing.

I talked to Wayne shortly after he learned that he had ALS and he was not sad. He was not morbid. He was not angry. He saw it as a challenge. In fact, in the article that Greg Sellnow has written about him, he said that he had sent him an e-mail a couple of years ago. And in that e-mail Wayne Arnold said to Greg, I look at this disease as a gift, he wrote in an e-mail about 2 years ago, not many people have the luxury to be able to prepare like this.

Wayne Arnold was a very special person. He did so much for our community. He did so much for us. He did so much for me.

I would like to close by just saying that I have no doubt that Wayne was greeted at the gate with those words, "Well done, oh, good and noble servant."

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#### YOU ONLY PASS THIS WAY ONCE

(By Greg Sellnow)

Wayne Arnold had a motto. "You only pass this way once," he told his five children and 12 grandchildren over and over again.

It was a didactic, life-guiding philosophy that had so much resonance in Wayne's family that one of his grandsons had it tattooed on his back.

"What he meant was that you'll only be in a certain situation or a place in your life once," Wayne's son Mike told me the other day. "And you should try to leave it a better place or a better person. It was the same way he felt about his community."

Wayne, who died Tuesday at the age of 70, lived that motto. His family, his community and many of the hundreds of lives he touched have all been bettered by his presence among us.

I first met Wayne in August 2003 after he sent me an e-mail about the upcoming Walk to Defeat ALS. On the day I talked to him at his northwest Rochester home, he'd had a busy morning. He'd sent out 44 e-mails to friends, relatives, former customers and acquaintances asking them to participate or donate to the annual fundraiser.

Wayne had been diagnosed with ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, about six months earlier, and he'd made fundraising for the Minnesota Chapter of the ALS Association the newest beneficiary of his seemingly unending energy and passion.

At the time, I remember trying to put myself in Wayne's place. I tried to imagine what I'd do if I'd been diagnosed with a fatal illness that usually claims its victims within three years of diagnosis. I figured that maybe I'd travel, visit some of the places I'd wanted to see, spend time with my family and enjoy the rest of my life as best I could.

But I couldn't really imagine myself doing what Wayne was doing—sitting in front of a computer or at the phone for hours and hours raising money for a cause—a cure for ALS—he knew couldn't help him.

It all made sense for Wayne, though. It fit perfectly with his life's philosophy.

"I look at this disease as a gift," he wrote me in an e-mail two years ago. "Not many

people have the luxury to be able to prepare like this."

Wayne helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the state ALS group, and he recruited others to get involved. They include his son Mike, who is the organization's treasurer.

I don't pretend to know what it means to be an ideal citizen. But I have to think Wayne came pretty close. He was one of the most committed, involved people I've met during my time in Rochester. He met his wife, Donna, when both were students at Lourdes High School, and after they married the couple decided to stay in their hometown. They remained deeply committed to Lourdes and Rochester for the next half century.

After serving a stint in the U.S. Coast Guard, Wayne became an accountant, retiring as a partner in the firm of McGladrey & Pullen in 1996. By then, he'd served on the boards of more than a dozen community, business and church organizations. He was recognized by the Jaycees as one of the 10 Outstanding Young Men of Minnesota. He served as president of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce. He was a founding committee member and secretary treasurer of the Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial. The list goes on and on.

"I can't get enough of it," Wayne told me the last time we talked, in September 2004. "I've got to be doing something."

Through it all, though, Wayne set aside plenty of time for his family. Just three weeks ago, he traveled to Montana to attend the wedding of his godson.

"You only pass this way once." What a powerful motto around which to base one's life.

And death. Wayne donated his brain and spinal cord for research into a cure for ALS.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take my special order at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### APOLOGIES FOR IRAQ AND KARL ROVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago I gave a speech about the importance of apologizing for doing something wrong, one of the first lessons that we are taught as children actually. Our capacity for saying I am sorry is part of what makes us a functioning and civilized society.

Here in Washington, every time a Democrat uses strong rhetoric to condemn the politics or the policies of the Bush administration there is a relentless pressure from the Republicans for

an apology, and it continues. It continues as a repeated pattern that is repeating itself right now with the Karl Rove affair.

Democrats are right to be incensed that the President's chief adviser is alleged to have revealed Valerie Plame as a CIA operative, purportedly publicizing this information to get back at Plame's husband, Joe Wilson, for disagreeing with the Bush administration's assessment that Saddam Hussein was, to quote Vice President CHENEY's flawed analysis, reconstituting his nuclear weapons program.

Maybe my memory is failing me, but I do not recall any Republicans calling on Karl Rove to apologize for cold-heartedly revealing the identity of a CIA operative as part of a political vendetta to get back at her husband. Nor has the Vice President apologized for his mistake about Iraq's nonexistent nuclear weapons program which led us into war.

The personally destructive behavior that Republicans have engaged in to protect Karl Rove and another high ranking Bush administration official, Vice President CHENEY's chief of staff, Scooter Libby, actually might be their way to change the subject to avoid any question about the merits of the Iraq war and how it has been so poorly managed.

Why do they want to avoid that discussion? Because the American people have completely lost confidence in the administration's Iraq policy. Where, for example, is the apology for the deaths of more than 1,700 Americans? Not only is there no apology, Secretary Rumsfeld could not be bothered to personally sign condolence letters to their families.

Where is the apology for sending young men and women to war without the proper protective armor on their bodies and on their vehicles?

Where is the apology for pinching pennies on veterans health benefits when these brave soldiers return home?

Where is the apology for the immoral doctrine of this preemptive war?

And where is the apology for the gross deceptions used to justify it, for the missing weapons of mass destruction, for the cooked intelligence, for the phony al Qaeda-Saddam link?

Where is the apology for wasting more than \$200 billion for taxpayer money on this mistake, and for the poor leadership that led to torture of prisoners and prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib in Guantanamo?

Where is the apology for committing our troops and our Nation to this mission without a postwar plan to secure the peace?

Where is the apology for the arrogance that squandered America's international goodwill and damaged our relationships with our closest allies?

And finally, where is the apology for revealing the identity of a good man's wife just because he disagreed with the administration on policy grounds?

There is something wrong with our moral compass if we have to apologize

for speaking bluntly, while our leaders can commit the biggest foreign policy blunder since Vietnam and get away without apology or accountability. To tell the truth, an apology would not be enough for everything they have done. An apology, after all, is just more words.

It is time for action. It is time for accountability and it is time for Karl Rove's security clearance to be revoked. It is time for a tangible admission that the Iraq war was immorally conceived and has been incompetently managed. It is time for an end of the politics of personal destruction and an end of destructive national policies.

If the President wants to earn back the Nation's trust he needs to end this shameful, shameful chapter in our Nation's history, and without apology he needs to bring our troops home.

#### CENTRAL AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am back on the floor tonight to talk about CAFTA, the Central American Free Trade Agreement, that I think is the wrong agreement for the American people and particularly the workers of this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I want to start with a quote by Ross Perot. This was during the presidential elections of 1992, at least the debates. And Mr. Perot said, you implement that NAFTA, the Mexican trade agreement where they pay people a dollar an hour, have no health care, no retirement, no pollution controls, and you are going to hear a giant sucking noise of jobs being pulled out of this country right at a time when we need the tax base to pay the debt.

Well, I would like to say to Mr. Perot that times have not changed. We need that tax base right now.

Mr. Speaker, let me tell you a little bit about NAFTA. I was not here in the Congress when that was debated and when it was passed and became the law of the land. Before NAFTA we ran a trade surplus with Mexico. Now the U.S. runs a \$45 billion annual trade deficit with Mexico. My State of North Carolina has lost over 200,000 manufacturing jobs since 1993. The United States of America has lost over 2.5 million manufacturing jobs.

The number of Mexican illegal aliens in the United States has grown from 1.3 million, and that was in 1992, the year before NAFTA was signed into law, to over 5.9 million in the year 2004. That is a 350 percent increase. 350 percent increase. CAFTA will continue these trends. 85 percent of the language in CAFTA is identical to the language in NAFTA.

Let us talk about Trade Promotion Authority, which I did not vote for by the way. America's, since August of 2002, annual trade deficit grew by \$195

billion to \$217 billion, and of that \$150 billion with China.

North Carolina has lost over 52,000 manufacturing jobs since TPA, Trade Promotion Authority, became the law of the land, and the United States of America has lost over 600,000 million manufacturing jobs.

Mr. Speaker, CAFTA is not the answer. It is not that we are opposed to a CAFTA agreement, but this CAFTA agreement is not good for the American people.

And let me give you just a little bit of an example of CAFTA and how it will impact those in Central America. It will not help to raise their income levels at all. It will not help them with health care, it will not help them with improving their livelihood, if you will. The average in Nicaragua is \$0.95 an hour. Guatemala is \$1 an hour. El Salvador is \$1.25 an hour. These countries have few labor laws, environmental standards, and CAFTA does nothing if at all to improve those.

CAFTA allows China to backdoor fabric into Central America where it can be assembled and shipped into the United States duty free. The last thing we need is to help China. We have outsourced 1.5 million jobs since 1989 to China.

Mr. Speaker, in the little bit of time I have left I want to give you from the Washington Post today an article. There were many here on the floor of the House that wanted to give permanent normal trade status to China. I was opposed to that, by the way.

Let me just read from the Washington Post and then I will close, Mr. Speaker. The trouble at Futai began the last day of May when workers received their monthly salary at about 4 p.m. For many the computer generated pay slip contained intolerable news.

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"From \$60 to \$100 a month for weaving sweaters, their piecework pay had slumped to \$50 and \$40 and even lower, they said. That, the workers complained, was not enough compensation for 11-hour shifts and one day's rest a month, the day after payday."

Mr. Speaker, this is the problem with these trade agreements. They are not good for the American people, and they are not good usually for the country that we reach these agreements with. And I hope that this House will continue to stand strong in a bipartisan way, Democrat and Republican, and stand in opposition to CAFTA; and if it is brought to the floor of the House in the next 10 days, I hope we will defeat it on behalf of the American worker who needs help from the United States Congress.

#### REASONS AGAINST CAFTA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.